Reply to Office Action mailed October 31, 2008

REMARKS

The courtesies extended by Examiners Chilcot and Kwiecinski during the interview

in the Patent and Trademark Office on March 10, 2009, and the indication that agreement

was reached with respect to the claims are acknowledged with appreciation. Prior to the

interview, applicant submitted new proposed claims 35-39 for consideration and discussion

at the interview. Applicant also brought to the interview a small false muntin glazing

assembly as a demonstration, and during the interview disassembled the sample and

correlated the elements of the sample with the language of the claims and the

corresponding elements shown in the application drawings. Applicant pointed out that the

claims were extensively rewritten to correspond more closely with conventional terminology

in the field, and it was agreed that the language is in accordance with the specification and

terminology known in the art.

As noted in the interview, the claimed elements permit accurate and rapid assembly

of a false muntin window that presents a realistic impression of an actual window with

multiple lights separated by muntins. The elements are also configured to avoid damage

to the window and to permit easy removal if necessary.

Applicant has submitted several additional dependant claims 40-42 that bring out

features of the muntin clip. Applicant submits that these claims are allowable as

depending from allowable claim 35 and other dependant claims.

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CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons set out above, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectively requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that there are further issues that need discussion or clarification, he is invited to contact the undersigned. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response not already accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-0265. Any overpayment or refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted.

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